Development of new radar

†2074. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has developed a new radar to monitor the weather conditions which would meet the weather requirements of the new millennium;

(b) if so, whether this new category of radar would help in saving the lives and properties by giving accurate warning in case of natural calamities relating to bad weather;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when, it would be operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) ISRO has developed a Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) system for India Meteorology Department, which provides precise advanced warnings, enhancing the lead time needed in saving life and property in the event of natural calamities associated with severe weather.

(b) The radar has already been made operational at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

Completion of construction projects

†2075. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 265 projects are under construction in the country at present and the construction cost of each of the project is Rs. 100 crores or above;

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(b) if so, the number of projects in which construction cost is below Rs. 100 crores; and

(c) the total amount required to complete the construction of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to 265 projects as on 31st May, 2003 costing Rs. 100 crores and above, there are 275 projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above but less than Rs. 100 crore which are under implementation.

(c) As on 1st April, 2003, Rs. 77,061 crores have already been spent on 540 projects presently on the monitor of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and a balance of Rs. 1,42,638 crore would be required to complete these projects as per the projected cost estimate and schedule.

Cost of under construction projects

†2076. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of under construction projects of Central Government has been increasing during the past years;

(b) if so, the cost of construction of these projects as on March, 1998 alongwith the number of such projects; and

(c) the number of such projects as on March, 2003 alongwith the present cost thereof?

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